



CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF
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DISTRICT FOUR

JANUARY 7, 2009 WEEKLY UPDATE



Councilmember Young proudly presents a bicycle to Britney Martinez at the 2008 Bike Giveaway sponsored by Dr. Alicia Gwynn CEO, of the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation.

COUNCIL ACTIONS: COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

On Monday, January 5, 2009 I was appointed by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Ben Hueso to serve as the City's representative to the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board, City-County Reinvestment Task Force, San Diego Association of Governments, San Diego Regional Airport Authority, and the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation. I look forward to representing the City of San Diego on these organizations and helping ensure we receive our fair share of resources, provide quality services and help improve the quality of life of San Diego residents.

On Tuesday, January 6, 2009 The San Diego City Council unanimously supported my recommendation to upgrade the 4th District's Martin Luther King Jr. Park playground. The upgrades will include replacing playground equipment and redesigning the play ground area with enhanced landscaping. These improvements will provide a state of the art environment for families and children to relax and play.



On Wednesday, January 7, 2009, I convened the first meeting of the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee. As Chairman, I informed my colleagues on the Committee that we would not be conducting business as usual. In the past the Mayor presented the Council and the public a proposed budget in April and the Budget and Finance Committee conducted public budget hearings in May. We have a structural budget deficit that is now joined by a severe economic crisis.

Now is not the time to blame. Now is not the time to present thousand dollar solutions to \$100 million dollar problems. Now is the time to ask the public and interested stakeholder organizations to work with this Council.

Committee members unanimously supported my recommendations to begin the public engagement process at our 2nd meeting of January 21, 2009. I will include on the agenda an item for public input on the City's budget. This item will be on the Committee's agenda for every meeting.

I will be asking for presentations from the City's unions, the business community, non-profit organizations and the public. All presentations will also include recommendations for solutions. Some Committee meetings will be out in the community including evenings and some Saturdays. These meetings will be held in various Council Districts. They will be structured to have the public give input on their priorities for City services and what options/recommendations they have for keeping, enhancing, or reducing services.

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:

On January 22nd the San Diego Historical Research Board will be considering my recommendation to designate the 4th District's Fire Station #19 located at 3601 Ocean View Boulevard, as a Historical site.

The historical significance of Fire Station #19 is illustrated by the racial segregation that existed in San Diego's fire department in the early 1900's and the courage of a Fire Chief and firefighters to eliminate it. As you may know since the first African American firefighters were hired by the San Diego Fire Department in 1919, they were only allowed to live and work out of Fire Station #19. It wasn't until late 1951, under the strict orders of then Fire Chief George Courser that African American firefighters were allowed to live and work out of other San Diego fire stations.

Designating Fire Station #19 as a Historical Site will pay tribute to the men and women firefighters throughout history that helped integrate and create the exemplary Fire and Rescue Department we have today.



It will also provide a historical site in the 4th District that residents throughout San Diego can be proud of.

Come celebrate the 24th Annual YMCA of San Diego County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Dignity Award Breakfast. Friday, January 16, 2009 at the Scottish Rite Center (1895 Camino Del Rio South) Registration/Breakfast begins at 6:30 am and the Program is from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Special Guest Speaker will be Father Henry Rodriguez, San Diego Hospice. For more information please contact mblanek@ymca.org or call (619) 264-0144 ex104.

Come celebrate San Diego State University's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon. Friday, January 16, 2009 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at Montezuma Hall (SDSU's Aztec Center). Soul Food, Poetry, Song, Dance and Drama! For more information please call LaShae Collins at (619) 594-5341.

The 29th Annual 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Parade "Living the Dream" "Let Freedom Ring" presented by Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Scholarship Fund, Inc. will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The staging area will be at Tailgate Park (13th and Imperial Ave.) The Parade route will be North on Park Blvd. to J St. West on J St. to 7th Ave. South on 7th Ave. back to Tailgate Park. For more information please contact the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee at (619) 264-0542.

The 2009 San Diego Multicultural Festival! Celebrate cultures from around the world at the free 11th annual San Diego Multicultural Festival on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in downtown San Diego. Attendees will enjoy storytellers, musicians, activity booths and a variety of food, merchant, informational and educational booths representing local to international organizations. Students from three local schools will construct Global Villages, which display international customs and cultures they have studied in depth. A new addition to the festival is the Downtown Education Fair, a special section of booths showcasing many of downtown's unique learning opportunities. This family-friendly free festival will take place along the Martin Luther King Jr, Promenade (between Fourth Ave. and Market St. on Harbor Dr.). For more information about the festival, visit www.ccdc.com and click on Special Events.

UAAMAC's 2009 Event Series: *Building the Beloved Community* The 14th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast will be held on Monday January 19, 2009 from 7:30am to 10:00am and the *Summit: Building The Beloved Community* will be held on February 20-21, 2009 from 6:00am to 7:30pm at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Avenue).



The Community Breakfast will include a presentation of Hero/Shero Awards and a reading of the winning essays from the MLK Jr. Youth Essay Contest. The Summit will focus on best practices, and the development of an action plan for implementing these practices in five areas: Economic Development, Public Education, Public Health, Judicial Reform, and Family Stability. For more information please call (619) 264-1213.

The Water Department has scheduled a water project in the areas of 300-400 Santa Alberto Way on January 12, 2009. There will be a water shutdown between 8:00 am-5:00 pm. The Water Department will provide a three-day advance notification to the customers who may be affected by this shutdown. Please contact Bernard Powell at (619) 527-7539 for any questions or concerns that you may have. Constituents may be referred to the emergency telephones at (619) 515-3525 or contact Water Operations Division Supervising Public Information Officer Arian Collins at (619) 527-3121.

Miss Metro and Miss Teen Metro San Diego 2009 Scholarship Pageant! No Entry fee! Scholarship Prize! Diamond Earrings and Numerous Gifts! Do you consider yourself or know a young woman who can effectively represent her community? Young Ladies must be between the ages of 14-16 years for Miss Teen Metro and 17-23 years for Miss Metro. They must also reside in one of the following zip codes: 92101, 92102, 92113, 92114 or 92139. If you have what it takes or know someone who does please call Miss Barbara at (858) 831-1903.

Apply Now! Apply Now! Apply Now! For the San Diego Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation 2009 Scholarships for graduating high school seniors in the San Diego City Schools/San Diego Unified School District. Three Scholarships Available! **Two scholarships for \$7,500.00 each! One scholarship for \$5,000.00!** Scholarships can be used at any four-year, fully accredited college of recipient's choice. **Application deadline: March 31, 2009.** Over \$280,000 in scholarships awarded, to date! Application available online at: www.Carterreese.com; click on community service or, see your high school counselor. For further questions please call Mary Hubbard at (619) 463-1702.

The Grand Parent's Connection! Grand Parent's Connection is a group of grand parent's, offering support for grandparents or relatives, who are raising children under the age of 18. The group offers open discussion, and guest speakers who focus on issues affection grandparents of other relatives who are raising children with information on resources available on their communities. They meet Thursday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tubman Chavez Center (415 N Euclid Avenue). For more information please call Shearl Lambert at (619) 931-9548 or email her at shearl2530@sbcglobal.net.



San Diego Home Loan Counseling and Education Center Home Buying Counseling Services

Counselors are ready to assist you in Budget Counseling, Reviewing the home buying process, Explaining various loan programs, Pre-qualification services, Referral, Development of a written home buying plan of action. For more information contact (619) 624-2330 or www.sdhomeloan.org.

GET INVOLVED! Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group needs you! If you are interested in recommending and advising the San Diego City Planning Commission and the City Council on changes regarding zoning (building and property improvements), zoning violations, street conditions, traffic signals, speed bumps and conditional-use permits, etc. the Skyline-Paradise Hills Planning Group would like to invite you and other residents and neighbor volunteers from the Skyline and Paradise Hills community to attend every Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Paradise Hills Recreation Center, 6610 Potomac St. 92139.

STREET SWEEPING INFORMATION

Street Sweeping provides two primary benefits to the City. The more obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains. An equally important, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. For more information regarding Street Sweeping please call (619) 527-3482 or visit www.sandiego.gov/street-div/strsweep.shtml.

GRAFFITI INFORMATION

ONE-STOP

City of San Diego Graffiti Control Hotline: (619) 525-8522

GRAFFITI REPORTING

San Diego Police Department: (619) 531-2000

Graffiti Strike Force: (619) 515-2754

Email Pictures to Police Officer Oscar Amado: oamado@pd.sandiego.gov

Online Reporting Form: www.sandiego.gov/graffiti

GRAFFITI REMOVAL CONTACTS-*Know the exact location of the graffiti!*

Urban Corps Graffiti Hotline: (800) 829-6884

Cal-Trans (graffiti along state highways/freeways): (858) 467-4042

If graffiti is not removed within 48 hours call Diane Valdez: (858) 467-4009

Online Reporting Form: www.dot.ca.gov/maintform



SDG&E: (800) 411-7343
Cox Cable: (619) 263-9251
U.S. Postal Service: (800) 275-8777
City Traffic Signs: (619) 527-7500
Traffic Signal Control Boxes: (619) 527-7500

GRAFFITI REMOVAL SUPPLIES

“Paint Bank”- Free recycled paint and supplies: (619) 527-5419
Appointments Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 9:30-1:30 p.m.
Project CLEAN- Linda Pennington (City Heights only): (619) 563-4014
Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association-Jose Lopez: (619) 282-2788
Paint, rollers, brushes, 4 basic paint colors

CITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Public right-of-way/City-owned property: 4 days
Private property-responsibility of owner: depends on owner

OTHER CITY RESOURCES

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal: (858) 694-7000

4TH DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP INFORMATION ONLY: PLEASE CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFI- CERS FOR LOCATIONS!!!

Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.

I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, city staff, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup events areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.

- George Bernard Shaw

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:



O'Farrell Park Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 6:00p.m at MLK Park Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)

Oak Park Community Council Meeting will be held Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 7:00p.m at Oak Park School-Auditorium, 2605 54th Street (Jimmie Slack staffs this meeting)

Southeastern Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Neighborhood House Association (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Jamacha Community Council Meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 7210 Lisbon Street (Venus Molina staffs this meeting)

Emerald Hills Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00p.m at Johnson Elementary School, 1355 Kelton Road (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Knox/Lincoln Park Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Knox Elementary School, 1098 S. 49th Street (Liezl Man-gonon staffs this meeting)

Eastern Area Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2755 55th Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

Mountain View Park Rec. Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. View Park, 641 Boundary Street (Roosevelt Williams staffs this meeting)

Skyline/Paradise Hills Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00p.m at Paradise Hills Rec. Center, 6610 Potomac Street (Bruce Williams staffs this meeting)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."



An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4th District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.

The San Diego Youth Commission is searching for two District Four youth ages 14-22 to sit on their board as Commissioners! Commissioners advise and provide recommendations to the City Council on pertinent issues to youths. They meet monthly to work on common goals, devise plans, and create policies important to young San Diegans. In addition, the Youth Commission will have the opportunity to develop their own policy agenda and review issues sent to them by the City Council. The San Diego Youth Commission offers youths the opportunity to see first hand how government works and it allows youths to represent themselves and their peers in a positive manner. The Commission is also a fantastic opportunity to bring together young people from various ethnic, socio-economic, and geographic backgrounds to debate issues, create meaningful policies and learn more about other communities in San Diego. For more information or to apply as a Commissioner of the San Diego Youth Commission please contact Jasmine Holt at (619) 236-6644 or jdholt@sandiego.gov.

SAVE THIS DATE:

Water For Children Africa's 12th Africa Trade and Business Conference
Saturday, January 31, 2009: San Diego Super Run 2009 10K and 5K will benefit Water For Children Africa. For more information please contact www.kathylopererevents.com.

27th Annual Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Fair hosted by the San Diego Chinese Center! 2009 Year of the Ox will be held on Saturday, February 7th and Sunday February 8, 2009 from 10:00am to 5:00pm at Third Avenue and J Street (in downtown San Diego's Asian Pacific Thematic Historic District) Free Admission! For more information, call (619) 398-7025 or check www.sdcny.org for updates.

THANK YOU...for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at anthonyyoung@sandiego.gov.

